

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kerry Stephen McClure et al. : Paper No.:  
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For: **Support Structure For A Spare Tire On A Vehicle**  
Docket No.: 27735-11

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 29, 2008, please amend the present application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.